

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE REVEREND DR. C. WELTON GADDY'S RETIREMENT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Reverend Dr. C. Welton Gaddy for a life and career distinguished by passion, leadership, and faith.

As President of Interfaith Alliance, a national non-partisan grassroots and educational organization, Dr. Gaddy emerged as a leading advocate for protecting the boundaries between religion and government. A champion of religious freedom and defender of individual rights, Dr. Gaddy has relentlessly worked to promote policies that protect religion, democracy, and the role of faith in America.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gaddy has shown a strong history of leadership and service. His past roles include being President of the Alliance of Baptists and a 20-year member of the Commission of Christian Ethics of the Baptist World Alliance. He has served as a member of the General Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, President of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Chair of the Pastoral Leadership Commission of the Baptist World Alliance and as a member of the World Economic Forum's Council of 100. Currently Dr. Gaddy serves on the White House task-force on Reform of the Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, while also serving as Pastor for Preaching and Worship at Northminster Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

In addition to authoring over 20 books addressing religion in American life, Dr. Gaddy hosts the weekly State of Belief radio program, where he illustrates the vast diversity of beliefs in the United States and their influence on politics. Although Dr. Gaddy is moving onto the next chapter in his life, the influence and power of his works efforts are boundless and will remain strong for years to come.

I am pleased to celebrate Dr. Gaddy's countless achievements as he is honored by his friends and colleagues tonight. We are so grateful for his many years of service and wish him nothing but continued success in his retirement.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2015 theme—A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture. This year's theme reflects on the extraordinary contributions of African Americans in the arts, literature, music, history,

sports, science, and pop culture. In celebration of this year's theme, we reflect on several of the important milestones that helped form the cornerstone of African American culture and tradition. Part of the African American fight for freedom included the struggle to ensure that their ideas and talents mattered in American culture and history.

In the 20th century, the rise of jazz music can be linked to African Americans of the post World War I generation. The Harlem Renaissance put the spotlight on African Americans writers and artists, making their names known nationwide. In the 1960s, African American museums opened across the nation, displaying and commemorating advances made by African Americans in art, history, and science. Also during this time of transformation, African American athletes excelled in individual and team sports, including baseball, track and field, football, boxing, and basketball. In addition, student activism in the 1960s led to the black studies movement, the creation of black professional organizations, and doctoral programs at American universities.

This month and always, it is important that we honor and celebrate America's greatest advocates for equal rights and civil liberties. Along with this month's theme, we celebrate those who have contributed to the foundation of African American culture, arts, and entertainment, including Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, Jackie Robinson, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Patricia Bath, and Thurgood Marshall, among many others. As we pay tribute to these heroes of American history, let us remember their profound perseverance, sacrifice, and struggle in the fight for freedom and equality, and the remarkable impact their contributions have had in shaping our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those who fought, and continue to fight, for civil rights and justice. We honor the African American scholars, artists, athletes, and entertainers who have played such a critical role in changing the landscape of American society for the better.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF WINTER HAVEN

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven, Florida as they celebrate their 80th anniversary on April 6, 2015.

With the assistance of the Bartow and Lake Wales Clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven was chartered on April 6, 1935. Since its founding, the Club has provided educational, community-building and recreational

opportunities for Central Florida's youth. In 1942, Camp Kegan was established on the shore of Lake Josephine. Over the years, Camp Kegan has been a destination for Scouts, youth programs and underprivileged children. The Club also established a recreation center on Lake Maude, which has since been deeded to the city.

In the spirit of providing educational opportunities for our community's students, the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven supports a Student Loan Fund and the Southern Scholarship Foundation of Tallahassee to help make college more affordable. The Club's members also coach little league teams, partner with children in foster care, promote youth agricultural projects and support Key Clubs in local high schools.

I am thankful for the Kiwanis members of Winter Haven for their tremendous contributions to our community. The future of our nation is in the hands of our youth, and the Kiwanis members' investment in them cannot be over appreciated.

BARNARD COLLEGE FOUNDERS DAY—125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the people of New York's tenth congressional district in recognition of Barnard College for 125 years of dedication and commitment to providing a rigorous liberal arts education to talented women from all over the world. On October 26, 2014, Barnard opened its campus to the community, and the entire City of New York, in celebration of its 125th anniversary, sharing the "Barnard experience" with all who visit.

In 125 years of education and service, Barnard has established an incomparable legacy and has become an integral part of its community, as well as the entire city beyond its historic Morningside Heights campus. Since its founding in 1889, the College has produced many distinguished alumni who have gone on to be leaders in nearly every field of endeavor. Today's students are following in their footsteps by impacting not just their campus or New York City, but the entire world. In commemoration of the 125th anniversary, the Barnard women have again chosen outreach as their most important message and have pledged to perform 125 Days of Service in New York City and beyond.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with the College in some of its many pursuits of supporting and developing collaborations between the College and many on- and off-campus constituencies. Through these efforts, Barnard has made a positive impact throughout the city, particularly in the Morningside Heights and Harlem communities.

Barnard participates in numerous community partnerships and initiatives, both through

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annual contributions as well as organizing volunteer opportunities with local organizations like Morningside-Area Alliance, Community Impact, the Friends of Morningside Park, the Friends of Riverside Park, and the Broadway Mall Group. It has also worked to provide educational opportunities to young people in its community, working together with groups like St. John the Divine's ACT summer camp program, Tompkins Hall, and the Learning Center. And through an annual bike-a-thon, it raises funds for Columbia Community Service, with donations and participation increasing every year.

In addition to its foundational commitment of educating promising young women, the College has historically reached out to those students who may be otherwise hindered by a lack of access to opportunities, which I commend. This has resulted in a diverse and inclusive student body, faculty, and staff.

For all this and more, I would like to honor Barnard College for 125 years of significant and enduring contributions to the civic life of our community and the scholarship of our Nation. I wish the College the best of luck in its future endeavors, as I know it will continue to impact the lives of its students and its fellow community members throughout New York City and the world. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Barnard College's efforts.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MR. ROBERT CRAVES

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert "Bob" Craves, who recently passed away at the age of 72.

I would like to honor Bob Craves, a founding officer of Costco, for his support of students throughout Washington state in their pursuit of a college degree. In 2000, Mr. Craves started the College Success Foundation, which provides scholarships and mentoring to low-income and first-generation Washington students. Mr. Craves served as CEO of the foundation until his retirement in 2013, and thereafter remained with the organization as a member of the Board of Directors.

His efforts to make higher education accessible were not isolated to Washington state. The foundation estimates that 5,000 students across the country are currently enrolled in college due to the generosity of Craves' work. The organization has raised an estimated \$600 million, and now includes a branch in Washington, DC.

Scholarship recipients continue to vocally express the meaningful impact Mr. Craves had on their lives by providing them with the opportunity to attend college. Several have gone back to work with the non-profit upon graduation to offer career training services and help graduates find jobs.

I would like to commemorate Bob Craves on his lifetime of achievements. He will be remembered by his uplifting demeanor and unflinching optimism, and as a committed community servant whose significant work will continue to echo in years to come. My thoughts go out to his wife, Gerry, and all of his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FORREST WELLS—RECIPIENT OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POST-HUMOUS)

HON. SCOTT DESJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the life and service of Private First Class (PFC) Forrest Wells upon his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal.

PFC Wells landed on the shores of Normandy in June of 1944, as a member of the 113th Field Artillery of the 30th Infantry Division, nicknamed "Old Hickory."

During their deployment to Europe, the 30th Infantry Division assisted in the liberation of Saint-Lo, fought off the German counter-attack at Mortain, was the first infantry division to enter Belgium and the Netherlands, and was instrumental in halting the German offensive near Malmédy during the "Battle of the Bulge."

On July 29, 1944, while serving as a member of a gun section outside of Hebeceveon, France, PFC Wells' battery was subjected to a heavy aerial attack. During this bombardment, the gunpowder surrounding one of the units 155 mm howitzers was set ablaze. Without hesitation, PFC Wells left his sheltered position and rushed over to extinguish the flames, thereby eliminating the danger it posed to his fellow soldiers and saving valuable materials from destruction.

In recognition of his service, Brigadier General James M. Lewis, Commanding Officer 30th Infantry Division, awarded PFC Wells with a certificate of merit in the days following the incident.

More than 70 years later, the United States Army, by order of the Secretary of the Army, announced that PFC Forrest Wells would posthumously receive the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in active ground combat.

Long overdue, this recognition is certainly well-deserved and is a testament to the heroism and dedication to duty that marked PFC Wells' exemplary service during World War II.

I wish to extend to the Wells family my sincere congratulations upon receiving this award, as well as my heartfelt thanks for Private Wells' outstanding service to our great country.

HONORING THREE NORTH GEORGIAN VETERANS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three patriots from Georgia's Ninth District.

Arthur Mohor from Hartwell is a 91-year old World War II veteran, who received France's highest honor on January 27, 2015. As a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army's 302nd Infantry Regiment, he stormed the beaches of Normandy in 1944.

In a special ceremony in Atlanta, France's Consul General bestowed on Mr. Mohor and

two more Northeast Georgians—Harry T. Catchpole (Technical Sergeant, 9th Traffic regulation Group, 3rd Army) of Bogart and Henry R. Petree (Private First Class, 1306th Engineer General Service Regiment) of Bethlehem—The National Legion of Honor medal.

The medal symbolizes France's eternal gratitude to these three brave Georgians, who risked their lives to knock the Nazis on their heels and help liberate France and the rest of Europe. We owe them—and the many others who gave their lives to preserve this country's freedom—our own eternal gratitude.

The actions of Arthur Mohor, Harry Catchpole and Henry Petree provide amazing examples of service and sacrifice. The honor France bestowed upon them is a wonderful tribute to their bravery and a fitting tribute to America's Greatest Generation.

CORY NOTESTINE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Cory Notestine. Mr. Notestine is a school counselor at Alamosa High School and has recently been named the 2015 School Counselor of the Year by the American School Counselor Association.

Mr. Notestine has been counselor since 2008 and prior to accepting his position at Alamosa High School in 2012, was the North Carolina School Counselor of the Year. His passion for his students shows in the investment he makes in their individual success. Since coming to Alamosa High School, he has implemented numerous counseling innovations that have improved the success of his students and better prepared them for life after high school, even joining with his fellow counselors to raise financial aid on behalf of their graduating seniors. Mr. Notestine has made huge strides in improving the counseling program in his first year at the high school, earning a RAMP designation—which is given for the program's efforts to ensure a rigorous education to all students and equitable participation in the program.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Notestine's selfless work ethic and devotion to serving as an advocate for our nation's youth through his community is worthy of admiration and duplication. His students are truly fortunate to have him in their lives as they prepare for their futures. I stand with the residents of Alamosa County, the people of the 3rd Congressional District and the State of Colorado in thanking Mr. Notestine for his dedication, and congratulating him on the prestigious award.

HONORING KALMAN GURZO

HON. THOMAS MACARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kalman Gurzo of New Jersey's Third Congressional District, and to express my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. Gurzo served our country as a radio operator for the United States Navy. He defended our freedom in the Pacific Theater of